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INTELLIGENCE

Select Committee on Intelligence: Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Public Bills and Resolutions Introduced: 15 public bills, H.R. 2947–2961; and 2 resolutions, H.J. Res. 59; and H. Res. 59, were introduced.

Pages H4860–61

Additional Cosponsors:

Pages H4862–64

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H.R. 6, to accelerate the discovery, development, and delivery of 21st century cures, and for other purposes, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–190, Part 1);

H.R. 2256, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to submit an annual report on the Veterans Health Administration and the furnishing of hospital care, medical services, and nursing home care by the Department of Veterans Affairs, with an amendment (H. Rept. 114–191); and

H. Res. 347, providing for further consideration of the bill (H.R. 5) to support State and local accountability for public education, protect State and local authority, inform parents of the performance of their children's schools, and for other purposes, and providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 2647) to expedite under the National Environmental Policy Act and improve forest management activities in units of the National Forest System derived from the public domain, on public lands under the jurisdiction of the Bureau of Land Management, and on tribal lands to return resilience to overgrown, fire-prone forested lands, and for other purposes (H. Rept. 114–192).

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Speaker: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Abraham to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

United States-Jordan Defense Cooperation Act of 2015: H.R. 907, amended, to improve defense co-

operation between the United States and the Hashemite Kingdom of Jordan;

Pages H4779–81

Veterans Identification Card Act 2015: Concur in the Senate amendment to H.R. 91, to amend title 38, United States Code, to direct the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to issue, upon request, veteran identification cards to certain veterans, by a 2/3 yeas-and-nay vote of 411 yeas with none voting “nay”, Roll No. 391; and

Pages H4781–82, H4815–16

Land Management Workforce Flexibility Act: H.R. 1531, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide a pathway for temporary seasonal employees in Federal land management agencies to compete for vacant permanent positions under internal merit promotion procedures.

Pages H4782–83

Department of the Interior, Environment, and Related Agencies Appropriations Act, 2016: The House considered H.R. 2822, making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2016. Consideration began on June 25th.

Pages H4783–H4814, H4816–56

Agreed to:

Poe (TX) amendment that redirects funding within the Land Acquisition Account by \$1,000,000;

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Polis amendment that redirects funding within Wildland Fire Management by \$1,000,000;

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Young (AK) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement the revised comprehensive conservation plan for the Arctic National Wildlife Refuge, Alaska;

Pages H4803–04

Grijalva amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of the Executive Order regarding Indian Sacred Sites;

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Poliquin amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to enforce the Code of Federal Regulations regarding biomass;

Pages H4804–05

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds to treat the Sonoran Desert Tortoise as an endangered species or threatened species; **Pages H4806–07**

Gosar amendment that prohibits the use of funds for the United Nations Environment Programme; **Pages H4808–09**

Smith (TX) amendment that reduces funding for the EPA's programs and management account to not more than \$1,713,500, and not more than \$3,581,500 for the Office of Congressional and Intergovernmental Relations account; **Pages H4810–11**

Huffman amendment that prohibits the use of funds to enter into a new contract or agreement or to administer a portion of an existing contract with a concessioner in any facility within a unit of the National Park System of an item with a Confederate flag as a stand-alone feature; **Pages H4811–12**

Collins (GA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to reduce or terminate any of the propagation programs listed in the March 2013 National Fish Hatchery System Strategic Hatchery and Workforce Planning Report; **Page H4812**

Gallego amendment that prohibits the use of funds to issue a grazing permit or lease in contravention of section 4110.1 or 4130.1–1(b) of title 43, Code of Federal Regulations; **Page H4816**

Huffman amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement National Park Service Director's Order 61 as it pertains to allowing a grave in any Federal cemetery to be decorated with a Confederate flag; **Page H4818**

Walberg amendment (No. 9 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to lobby in contravention of section 1913 of title 18, United States Code, on behalf of the proposed rule entitled "Definition of Waters of the United States Under the Clean Water Act; **Pages H4818–19**

Walden amendment (No. 30 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to complete or implement the revision of the resource management plans for the Coos Bay, Eugene, Medford, Roseburg, or Salem Districts of the Bureau of Land Management or the Klamath Falls Field Office of the Lakeview District of the Bureau of Land management proposed in the bureau of Land Management Plan Revisions and Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Western Oregon published in the Federal Register on April 24, 2015; **Pages H4819–20**

Engel amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used by the Department of the Interior, the Environmental Protection Agency, or any other Federal agency to lease or purchase new light duty vehicles for any executive fleet or agency's fleet inventory, except in accordance with Presidential Memo-

randum-Federal Fleet Performance, dated May 24, 2011; **Pages H4822–23**

Byrne amendment that prohibits the use of funds to be used to propose legislation to redirect funds allocated under section 105(a)(2)(A) of the Gulf of Mexico Energy Security Act of 2006; **Pages H4823–24**

Grayson amendment (No. 34 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds to enter into a contract with any offeror if the offeror certifies, pursuant to the Federal Acquisition Regulation, that they have been convicted of fraud, charged by a governmental entity with stated offenses, or have been notified of any delinquent Federal taxes in an amount that exceeds \$3,000 for which the liability remains unsatisfied; **Page H4824**

Jolly amendment that prohibits the use of funds to research, investigate, or study offshore drilling in the Eastern Gulf of Mexico Planning Area; **Pages H4825–26**

Crawford amendment that prohibits the use of funds by EPA to enforce the requirements of part 112 of title 40, Code of Federal Regulations with respect to any farm; **Pages H4827–28**

Jeffries amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the National Park Service to purchase or display a confederate flag except in situations where such flags would provide historical context pursuant to a National Park Service memorandum; **Page H4828**

Smith (TX) amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the EPA to propose, finalize, implement, or revise any regulation in which the research data relied upon to support such action is not derived from established scientific methods; **Pages H4828–29**

Newhouse amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Administrator of the EPA to issue any regulation that applies to an animal feeding operation, including a concentrated animal feeding operation and a large concentrated animal feeding operation; **Pages H4831–33**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to eliminate the Urban Wildlife Refuge Partnership; **Pages H4834–35**

Yoder amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the lesser prairie chicken; **Pages H4835–36**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds to limit outreach programs administered by the Smithsonian Institution; **Pages H4836–38**

Rothfus amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Director of the National Park Service to implement, administer, or enforce Policy Memorandum 11–03 or to approve a request by a park superintendent to eliminate the sale in National Parks of water in disposable plastic bottles; **Pages H4838–39**

Jackson Lee amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the National Park Service in contravention of section 320101 of title 54, United States Code;

Pages H4839–41

Weber (TX) amendment (No. 7 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of Section 321(a) of the Clean Air Act;

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Noem amendment that prohibits the use of funds to close or move the D.C. Booth Historic National Fish Hatchery and Archives;

Page H4842

Hudson amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the Environmental Protection Agency to issue, implement, administer, or enforce any regulation of particulate matter emissions from residential barbecues;

Page H4844

Thompson (PA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds to treat the northern long-eared bat as an endangered species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973;

Pages H4845–46

Lamborn amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species listing of the Preble's meadow jumping mouse under the Endangered Species Act of 1973;

Pages H4846–47

Lamborn amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement or enforce the threatened species or endangered species listing of any plant or wildlife that has not undergone a review as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973;

Pages H4847–48

Black amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the EPA to finalize, implement, administer, or enforce a revision of the Code of Federal Regulations or any rule with respect to glider kits and glider vehicles;

Pages H4850–51

Mica amendment that prohibits the use of funds to implement Alternative A, Alternative C, or Alternative D, described in the Final General Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement for Castillo de San Marcos National Monument in St. Augustine, Florida educational center;

Page H4851

Burgess amendment that prohibits the use of funds by EPA to hire or pay the salary of any officer or employee of EPA under the Public Health Service Act who is not already receiving pay under that Act on the date of enactment of this Act;

Pages H4851–52

Rokita amendment that prohibits the use of funds by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service to enforce the Endangered Species Act with respect to the Clubshell, Fanshell, Rabbitsfoot, Rayed Bean, Sheepnose or Snuffbox mussels;

Pages H4853–54

Graves (LA) amendment that prohibits the use of funds in contravention of 33 United States Code 1319 with respect to a permit issued or required to be issued to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers pur-

suant to 33 United States Code 1344 for discharges of dredged or fill material impacting wetlands; and

Page H4855

Perry amendment that prohibits the use of funds on an unmanned aircraft system or to operate any such system owned by the Department of Interior for the performance of surveying, mapping, or collecting remote sensing data.

Pages H4855–56

Rejected:

Grijalva amendment that sought to strike section 416, which reports on the use of climate change funds;

Page H4790

Lawrence amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that sought to strike section 422, pertaining to the definition of waters under the jurisdiction of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act;

Pages H4791–92

Beyer amendment that sought to strike section 429, pertaining to the definition of fill material;

Page H4795

Yoho amendment that sought to remove the requirement that 85 percent of nonattainment counties must achieve full compliance with the ozone standard before the limitation on funds in section 438 can take effect (agreed by unanimous consent to withdraw the earlier request for a recorded vote to the end that the amendment stand disposed of in accordance with the previous voice vote thereon);

Pages H4798–99, H4821

Lowenthal amendment that sought to remove the primary designation as one of the ambient air quality standards for ozone subject to the limitation in section 438;

Pages H4800–01

Peters amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to be used to enforce section 435 of this Act;

Page H4819

Garamendi amendment (No. 23 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2015) that sought to prohibit the use of funds in the bill to transfer funds made available by the bill for fire preparedness activities to the Wildland Fire Management appropriation for fire suppression activities; and

Pages H4830–31

Murphy (FL) amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to carry out seismic airgun testing or surveys off the coast of Florida.

Pages H4841–42

Withdrawn:

Cartwright amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have provided that only the funds made available by the bill may be subject to the prohibition on hydraulic fracturing contained in section 439;

Page H4801

Lowenthal amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to issue any new Federal oil or gas lease

and drilling permit to any person that does not commit to following Department of Commerce regulations regarding the requirement of obtaining a license for exporting crude oil; **Pages H4820–21**

Norcross amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for Superfund sites by \$22,884,840; **Page H4825**

Rice (SC) amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have prohibited the use of funds to issue any oil and gas lease under the 2017–2022 Outer Continental Shelf Oil and Gas Leasing Program unless the Secretary of the Interior has entered into revenue sharing agreement with each affected State; and **Page H4830**

Fitzpatrick amendment that was offered and subsequently withdrawn that would have increased funding for the Forest Legacy Program by \$5,985,000. **Pages H4844–45**

Point of Order sustained against:

Speier amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the final rule following the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the Dog Management Plan, Golden Gate National Recreation Area; and **Pages H4829–30**

Garamendi amendment that sought to prohibit the use of funds made available for California drought response or relief in contravention of implementation of the California Water Code. **Page H4853**

Proceedings Postponed:

Grijalva amendment that seeks to strike section 423, relating to stream buffers; **Pages H4792–93**

Tsongas amendment that seeks to strike section 425, relating to the limitation on the use of funds for National Ocean Policy; **Pages H4793–94**

Grijalva amendment that seeks to strike section 433, relating to the availability of vacant grazing allotments; **Pages H4795–96**

Polis amendment that seeks to strike section 437, relating to the use of funds for the social cost of carbon; **Pages H4797–98**

Edwards amendment that seeks to strike section 438, which provides for a limitation on the use of funds regarding ozone standards; **Pages H4799–H4800**

Lawrence amendment (No. 12 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that seeks to strike section 439, which provides for prohibitions regarding hydraulic fracturing; **Pages H4801–03**

Polis amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Public Law 94–579; **Pages H4805–06**

Tsongas amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce sections 117, relating to Sage-Grouse, section 121 relating to reissuance of rules (wolves), and section 122 relating to the Northern Long Eared Bat; **Pages H4807–08**

Grijalva amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement or enforce section 120, with respect to ivory; **Pages H4709–10**

Beyer amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Executive Orders regarding climate change; **Pages H4712–13**

Blackburn amendment (No. 6 printed in the Congressional Record of June 24, 2015) that seeks to reduce funds by 1 percent across-the-board; **Pages H4813–14**

Pearce amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to increase the rate of any royalty required to be paid to the United States for oil and gas produced on Federal land, or to prepare or publish a proposed rule relating to such an increase; **Pages H4816–18**

Hardy amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to make a Presidential declaration by public proclamation of a national monument under chapter 3203 of title 54, United States Code in the counties of Mohave and Cococino in the State of Arizona, in the counties of Modoc and Siskiyou in the State of California, in the counties of Chaffee, Moffat, and Park in the State of Colorado, in the counties of Lincoln, Clark, and Nye in the State of Nevada, in the county of Otero in the State of New Mexico, in the counties of Jackson, Josephine and Malheur in the State of Oregon, or in the counties of Wayne, Garfield, and Kane in the State of Utah; **Pages H4821–22**

Zinke amendment (No. 39 printed in the Congressional Record of June 25, 2015) that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to implement, finalize, or enforce subparts F and J of part 1206 of the proposed rule by the Department of the Interior called “Consolidated Federal Oil & Gas and Federal & Indian Coal Valuation Reform” dated January 6, 2015; **Pages H4824–25**

Garamendi amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds in contravention of Executive Order 13693; **Pages H4826–27**

Newhouse amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the Department of Interior or the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to treat any gray wolf in Washington, Oregon, or Utah as an endangered species or threatened species under the Endangered Species Act of 1973; **Pages H4833–34**

Rouzer amendment that seeks to prohibit use of funds to implement, administer, or enforce the rule entitled “Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters, New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces” published in the Federal Register by the EPA; **Pages H4842–43**

Hudson amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to remove oil and gas lease sale 260 from the Draft Proposed OCS Oil and Gas Leasing Program; **Pages H4843–44**

Goodlatte amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds by the EPA to take any actions described as a “backstop” in the Dec. 29, 2009 letter from EPA’s Regional Administrator to the States in the Watershed and the District of Columbia in response to the development or implementation of a State’s watershed implementation and referred to in enclosure B of such letter; **Pages H4848–50**

Westmoreland amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay legal fees pursuant to a settlement in any case, in which the Federal Government is a party, that arises under the Clean Air Act, the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Endangered Species Act; and **Pages H4852–53**

LaMalfa amendment that seeks to prohibit the use of funds to pay attorney fees in a civil suit under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 pursuant to a court order that states such fees were calculated at an hourly rate in excess of \$125 per hour. **Pages H4854–55**

H. Res. 333, the rule providing for consideration of the bills (H.R. 2822) and (H.R. 2042) was agreed to on June 24th

National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2016: The House agreed to the Thornberry motion to close portions of the conference on the bill (H.R. 1735) to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2016 for military activities of the Department of Defense, for military construction, and for defense activities of the Department of Energy, to prescribe military personnel strengths for such fiscal year, at such times as classified national security information may be broached, by a yea-and-nay vote of 402 yeas to 12 nays, Roll No. 390. **Pages H4814–15**

Quorum Calls—Votes: Two yea-and-nay votes developed during the proceedings of today and appear on pages H4814–19 and H4815–16. There were no quorum calls.

Adjournment: The House met at 2 p.m. and adjourned at 1:02 a.m. on Wednesday, July 8, 2015.

Committee Meetings

ASSURING NATIONAL SECURITY SPACE: INVESTING IN AMERICAN INDUSTRY TO END RELIANCE ON RUSSIAN ROCKET ENGINES

Committee on Armed Services: Subcommittee on Strategic Forces held a hearing on June 26, 2015, entitled “Assuring National Security Space: Investing in American Industry to End Reliance on Russian Rocket Engines”. Testimony was heard from Katrina G. McFarland, Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Department of Defense; General John E. Hyten, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space Com-

mand; Lieutenant General Samuel A. Greaves, USAF, Commander, Air Force Space and Missile Systems Center; and public witnesses.

STUDENT SUCCESS ACT; RESILIENT FEDERAL FORESTS ACT OF 2015

Committee on Rules: Full Committee held a hearing on H.R. 5, the “Student Success Act” [meeting II]; and H.R. 2647, the “Resilient Federal Forests Act of 2015”. The committee granted, by record vote of 9–4, a rule that provides for further consideration of H.R. 5 under a structured rule. The rule makes in order pursuant to H. Res. 125 the further amendments to H.R. 5 printed in part A of the Rules Committee Report. The rule also grants a structured rule for H.R. 2647. The rule provides one hour of general debate equally divided among and controlled by the chairs and ranking minority members of the Committee on Agriculture and the Committee on Natural Resources. The rule waives all points of order against consideration of the bill. The rule makes in order as original text for purpose of amendment an amendment in the nature of a substitute consisting of the text of Rules Committee Print 114–21, modified by the amendment printed in part B of the Rules Committee report, and provides that it shall be considered as read. The rule waives all points of order against that amendment in the nature of a substitute. The rule makes in order only those further amendments printed in part C of the Rules Committee report. Each such amendment may be offered only in the order printed in the report, may be offered only by a Member designated in the report, shall be considered as read, shall be debatable for the time specified in the report equally divided and controlled by the proponent and an opponent, shall not be subject to amendment, and shall not be subject to a demand for division of the question. The rule waives all points of order against the amendments printed in part C of the report. The rule provides one motion to recommit with or without instructions. Testimony was heard from Chairman Bishop of Utah, and Representatives Thompson of Pennsylvania, Westerman, Polis, Huelskamp, Walker, and Buck.

Joint Meetings

No joint committee meetings were held.

NEW PUBLIC LAWS

(For last listing of Public Laws, see DAILY DIGEST, p. D724)

H.R. 2146, to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to allow Federal law enforcement officers,